

# ACTION ALERT

## Demand Answers from the LCRA and Take Action to Protect Our Water Supply

CTWC is asking you to send emails and letters to the LCRA Board, Governor Abbott, LCRA GM Phil Wilson, and LCRA Water VP John Hofmann, to open the Water Management Plan and start planning for our future water supply and to stop looking backwards to the past.

KXAN's Chief Meteorologist David Yeomans did an excellent job dealing with a tough topic in his story "Water Worry". There is more available online and it is a must to watch and absorb. Our water supply is in trouble and LCRA is not considering the future of Central Texas.

Find David's story here:

<https://www.kxan.com/investigations/climate-change-not-part-of-lcra-water-plan-kxan-investigation-may-change-that/>

Our climate has changed, and we are in a much warmer, drier environment. The water flowing into our lakes is dramatically reduced and we now have to plan for a new normal. The current Water Management Plan is based on the worst drought of record but does not incorporate what the future could bring.

In Yeomans's report, Dr John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist, noted that climate change will result in a net loss to our water supply. The question is: how will this be addressed? The meridian dry line, as explained in Yeomans' report, has moved eastward from San Angelo to Austin, with our watershed moving to the "dry side".

The Water Management Plan (WMP) developed by LCRA is the key vehicle for them to manage the water supply and decide who gets the water in our entire basin. LCRA VP John Hofmann indicated that it will not be open for discussion until 2025. CTWC is concerned that could be too late. The 2020 Plan was opened in 2018 for discussion. The planning for the 2025 Plan implementation should be happening now. Our population has doubled, and that dramatic growth is crushing the water supply.

CTWC is asking for you to write to those in power and ask the following questions:

- Why are we waiting to update the Water Management Plan until 2025? We have problems now and all indicators point to a future of uncertainty with our water supply. Based on the 2020 WMP timeline, the discussion should be occurring now.
- Why isn't LCRA planning for a reliable water supply? It is irresponsible to say "this is what always happens". Instead, we must look forward. Our population has doubled and business development has exploded, but that is not accounted for in the current plan.
- Why is LCRA not considering the reduced flows into the Highland Lakes and attempting to fix that problem? A study was done, why hasn't it been released? Our drought of record had higher inflows than we do now. Is this the new trend? Can we get it back?
- Why do we wait 5 years to review our water supply? A lot has changed in 5 years, especially with large developments and businesses requiring water, but we are locked into a plan that does not take that into consideration.

Share your comments on the need for a more protective Water Management Plan for the Highland Lakes by sending an email to [board@lcra.org](mailto:board@lcra.org); [phil.wilson@lcra.org](mailto:phil.wilson@lcra.org); AND [john.hofmann@lcra.org](mailto:john.hofmann@lcra.org); OR mail your letters to:

LCRA  
P.O. Box 220  
Austin, TX 78767

AND Send letters to Governor Abbott  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428 or submit online at:  
<https://gov.texas.gov/apps/contact-us/opinion>

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TODAY!**

**We need YOUR help!**  
**Please make your voices heard.**

**Continue this action/demanding answers and attend the LCRA Water Operations Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 23rd and sign up to speak during the Public Comment Section at the start of the meeting. The agenda has a 10AM start time and the meeting will be held at 3700 Lake Austin Blvd, Austin, TX 78703.**

**Want to become more involved with CTWC, email Shannon.Hamilton.CTWC@gmail.com. We need volunteers to spread our message. Central Texans are truly uniting on this cause, and it's reassuring to see.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Want to help our cause but can't volunteer?**



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